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PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : DNA ENCODING A PLANT DEOXYHYPUSINE
SYNTHASE, A PLANT EUKARYOTIC INITIATION FACTOR
5A, TRANSGENIC PLANTS AND A METHOD FOR
CONTROLLING SENESCENCE PROGRAMMED AND
CELL DEATH IN PLANTS
Group Art Unit : 1638
Examiner : Stuart F. Baum

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

SIR:

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to the Applicants' representative, Teresa A. Lavenue, during the telephonic interview conducted on March 8, 2004, and provides this Interview Summary in compliance with MPEP § 713.04:

- (A) Exhibits: No exhibit or demonstration was conducted.
- (B) Claims: Claims 75-104 were discussed.
- (C) Prior art: No prior art was discussed.
- (D) Amendments: None.
- (E) Principal Arguments of Applicant: The applicants' representative pointed out to the Examiner that the new claims 75 through 104 reflective the scope of the prior pending claims; however, for ease of examination, the Applicants'

representative provided the new claim set in order to have dependent claims appear after the independent claims on which they depend. The applicant argued that a restriction requirement was not necessary in light of the present claims being directed to antisense polynucleotides, vectors and plants comprising the antisense polynucleotides and since only one SEQ ID was identified in the claims. The Examiner agreed that the claims should be examined together.

(F) Other matters: The applicants' representative indicated that PCT/US00/18364 was inadvertently cited as a Foreign Priority document. Applicants' representative will submit a new Oath and Declaration omitting the claim of Foreign Priority to said PCT application.

(G) Agreement: Agreement was reached.

Although not believed to be necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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